V. M. School for Girls at Nedumangad.

52. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of the estimate for the construction of the building to locate the V. M. School for Girls at Nedumangad?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No estimate has been prepared or sanctioned for the work.

District Dispensary at Vamanapuram.

53. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of the estimate for the construction of the building for the District Dispensary at Vamanapuram?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): No such estimate was prepared.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In regard to the answer that no estimate was prepared for the construction of the building for the dispensary at Vamanapuram, may I know from Government whether any work regarding the reconstruction of the building is in progress now?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): So far as I am aware, necessary orders for erecting the central pillars have been sent. A certain sum of money was sanctioned for urgent repairs and my information is that work is in progress.

Toddy shops.

54. *MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of toddy shops for the biennial contract period of 1106, 1107, 1108 and 1109;

(*b*) the total rental of toddy shops for the years 1106, 1107, 1108 and 1109

(*c*) whether any amounts have been remitted in each of the above contract periods;

(*d*) if so, the amount so remitted and why; and

(*e*) on whose recommendation such remission was made?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*d*) A statement giving the required information is laid on the table.

(*c*) Remission was granted in the years 1106, 1107 and 1109.

(*e*) On the recommendation of the Excise Commissioner.

The Devadhar Committee Report.

55. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the recommendations contained in the Devadhar Committee Report;

(*b*) the action hitherto taken by Government on such report; and

(*c*) whether they would afford to this House an opportunity for discussing the report?

*Vide Appendix II—page 235.

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) The report is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) Government will have no objection to place the report for discussion before the House but they are afraid that this cannot be done before the November Session and they doubt whether such long delay in the case of this important report is justifiable.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know the reasons which weighed with Government to come to the conclusion that the report cannot be placed for discussion before the November session ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government thought that there will not be sufficient time for discussing the report before the November session.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know how much time will it take for discussion according to the member ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : That will depend upon the nature of the discussion.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) . Then may I know how it can be said by Government that there will not be sufficient time for discussion of the report ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The report is a pretty big one and many days will have to be devoted for its discussion. Therefore Government naturally thought that there was not sufficient time.

MR. K. KUNJUKISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know when Government received the report ?

MR. T C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : About a month ago.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether Government considers it important to ascertain the views of the representatives of the people in regard to such a subject ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have already said that if the members of the Assembly are particular, they would have no objection to have the matter discussed,

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : My question is, do Government consider it necessary to ascertain the opinion of the representatives of the people with regard to this important Report ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Not absolutely necessary.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know the reason why ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The matter has been discussed by a committee and Government have got very valuable opinion.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Is it not a fact that the reports submitted by other committees have been placed before the House for discussion ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : May be.

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